



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Weekend Mass Times

St Patrick's Asquith

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 9am

We recognise the Traditional Owners of the land of Hornsby Shire, the Darug and Guringai peoples, and pay respect to their Ancestors and Elders past and present.



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's Science Day was a resounding success, with students diving into a full day of hands-on experiments, discovery, and scientific wonder! From chemical reactions to gravity-defying challenges, our classrooms and playgrounds were transformed into busy hubs of exploration.

The highlight of the day was the Science Challenge Relay, held in the afternoon, where over 100 parents joined us to cheer and compete alongside students and teachers. The energy was electric as teams of students, teachers, and parents faced off in a fun and friendly competition. There was lots of laughter, learning, and a touch of rivalry which made for an unforgettable experience.

A huge thank you to our wonderful Librarian, Mrs Wickham, for organising the event and to the teachers, students and parents who participated, supported, and helped make the day so special. Science Day not only celebrated learning—it brought our school community together in the most inspiring way.

Attendance Concerns

Last week I communicated to all parents about my concerns regarding our schools slipping attendance rate. All schools have a general target of 95% or above attendance rate. We systematically review attendance data for all students and began the year with a Term 1 school average of 95.2% attendance. However, in Term 2 our school attendance average slipped to 90.5%.

I understand that some absences are unavoidable due to illness or family circumstances, however it is important for parents to be aware when absences accumulate to a level that creates negative impacts. Currently we have concerns regarding the attendance pattern of some students and I am obliged to communicate directly with some families outlining these concerns. I thank all families in advance for your continued support with this matter.

School Uniform

At the beginning of Term 4 all students will need to wear their full summer uniform. Please label items like school hats, jackets and jumpers with the children's name. If you are missing items, please check the lost property area on the verandah outside the kindergarten classrooms.

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Kinder Assembly

On Monday this week, our Kindergarten students hosted the first of our assemblies for this year. The children presented many facts and opinions about their experience and knowledge at their recent Farm Excursion. They also entertained us with some fun farm themed songs and dancing. I was particularly impressed by the children's confidence when presenting and their great reading skills. Our Kinders have set a high standard for older grades to match when presenting their assemblies next term. I congratulate our Kinders and their teachers for the wonderful way they showcased their growing knowledge and skills. I thank all parents who were available to join us for this celebration of learning of our youngest students and look forward to seeing everyone at each assembly next term.

Future assemblies are scheduled for:

Stage 1: Monday 27th October (Term 4, Week 3)

Stage 2: Monday 3rd November (Term 4, Week 4)

Stage 3: Monday 10th November (Term 4, Week 5)

Staff Development Day

A reminder to parents and carers that **tomorrow, 26th September, is a pupil free day** as all staff will be attending a Staff Development Day focusing. There will be no staff members on site tomorrow as we will be joining with other catholic primary school staff at another venue.

Our Before and After School Care will be operating during the day providing supervision for families requiring this service.

Parish Multicultural Day - Sunday 28th September 2025

This whole parish event is to celebrate the many different backgrounds of our parish faith community. We are looking for all parishioners of different ethnic backgrounds to come and showcase your cultural foods, traditional wear, customs and all that is beautiful from your country of origin.

What: A multicultural shared meal

Where: St Patrick's Church, Asquith

Time: Mass at 10am, followed by the food and fun.

If you are interested in helping, and we really, really hope you are, please contact anyone of our organising team or send a message to us via the Parish office. We hope to hear from many of you soon:

Moauli Griffiths 0451 664 592, Mary Sassin & Freda Alaalatoa.

Parish News

The Parish Children's Choir is singing this Sunday, 28th September. Last practice for this term will be on Friday, 26th Sept, 4-5pm at St. Patrick's church. The children will also be singing on the 12th of October during school holidays. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing break!

Parents are encouraged to click on the following link to access the weekly [Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish Bulletin](#). Parents will find information for St. Patrick's Church including opportunities for families to support parish events including charitable works initiatives, joining the children's choir, the sacramental program and so much more.

God bless you and your families.

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates to Remember

Term 4 - 2025

Monday 13th October - First Day term 4

Tuesday 21st October - Stage 3 Touch Tag Gala Day

Wednesday 22nd October - Playgroup

Friday 24th October - "Spooky" Band Concert - 11.30am

Tuesday 28th October - Surf Life Saving School Visit

Wednesday 29th October - Brainstorm Incursion

Thursday 30th October - Kindergarten 2026 Orientation Session 1

Friday 31st October - Year 5 Mercy Leadership Day